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SUBJECT: DECLARATION BY AFRICAN LIBERATION COMMITTEE

REF: YAOUNDE 1492

1. ALC RELEASED FORMAL DECLARATION EVENING MAY 14 WHICH MIRRORED PRESIDENT AHIDJO'S AND OTHE OPENING DAY STATEMENTS (REFTEL). THIS DECLARATION ANNOUNCED AS PRODUCT MAY 14 COMMISSION MEETINGS AND CONCLUSION FIRST PHASE OF 23RD ALC SESSION. NEXT PHASE BEGINS TODAY (MAY 15) WITH MEETINGS OF THREE ALC PERMANENT COMMISSIONS.

2. DECLARATION CALLS ON PORTUGAL TO:

(A) SOLEMNLY AND FORMALLY PROCLAIM RECOGNITION OF STATE OF STATE

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GUINEA-BISSAU AND CAPE VERDE ISLANDS ANDTHE RIGHT TO INDEP-

ENDENCE OF THE PEOPLES OF MOZAMBIQUE, ANGOLA, AND SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE. (B) ENGAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS WITH THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY OAU.

3. DECLARATION ALSO DENOUNCES ANY MANEUVERS TO CREATE ENEMY-INSPIRED PUPPET GROUPS OR TO SOW CONFUSION BY PROLIFERATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES. REAFFIRMS AFRICAN'S INTENTION INTENSIFY NATIONAL LIBERATION WAR IF PORTUGAL FAILS TO ADOPT CLEAR POLICY RECOGNIZING AFRICAN REALITIES AND RIGHT TO TOTAL INDEPENDENCE.

4. ON SOFTER AND MORE MODERATE SIDE, DECLARATION STATES APRIL 25 COUP IN PORTUGAL ENDED HALF CENTURY OF FASCIST REGIME THERE (AND THUS DOESN'T LABEL SPINOLA REGIME "FASCIST"). ATTRIBUTES COUP NOT ONLY TO TENACIOUS ACTION BY LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, BUT ALSO TO CONSCIENCE-TAKING BY NUMEROUS SECTORS OF PORTUGUESE PEOPLE. CALLS ATTENTION TO LUSAKA MANIFESTO AS WELL AS MOGADISCIO DECLARATION AS HISTORIC FOUNDATIONS TOWARD INDEPENDENCE AND PEACE ON THE CONTINENT. SPEAKS OF NEW ERA OF COOPERATION BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND AFRICA IF BASIC DEMANDS (PARA 2) ARE MET.

5. COMMENT. WHILE THUS PRIMARILY REITERATING UNRELENTING AFRICAN DEMAND FOR INDEPENDENCE AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, DECLARATION ALSO MAINTAINS CERTAIN BALANCE AND RESTRAINT.  
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